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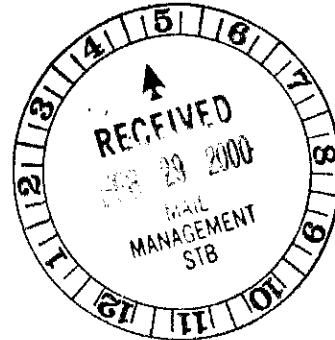
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary <sup>Part of</sup>  
Surface Transportation Board <sup>Public Record</sup>  
Office of the Secretary  
Case Control Unit  
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Dear Sir:

Sylvite is a large distributor of Agricultural Commodities, moving approximately 900,000 tons of goods in Eastern North America. We have offices in Canada and the US and support the CN-BNSF merger. We find that to compete internationally we must have carriers that span the continent. It will allow us to compete! We find that the current level of service and the constant bickering between railroads very unproductive. This new combination should streamline many movements linking Atlantic, Pacific and the Gulf.

In the report CN-BNSF are asking for a fair hearing, this certainly seems to be in the best interest of all concerned. We encourage a fair and open evaluation based upon common sense.

Thank you,

Hugh Loomans  
President, Sylvite Inc.